

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

February 5, 2023

**Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany / Year A, Rite I**

St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church, Silverdale, WA

Presider: The Rev. Craig Vocelka

Livestream Producer: Guy Fulton

Welcome to St. Antony's. Our worship of God is offered both in person and on Facebook livestream at the same time. You may find our livestream at <https://www.facebook.com/saintantony/>. For those worshipping in person, we will use face masks during the service and observe social distancing.

We acknowledge that the Suquamish and S'Klallam people are the traditional stewards of the land on which our buildings stand and we pay our respect to their people and heritage.

## **Introit**

### **The Salutation**

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*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **Collect for Purity**

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*Presider* Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **Gloria**

**Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards all.**

**We praise thee we bless thee,  
we worship thee,  
we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father  
have mercy on us.**

**For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **Collect of the Day**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins and give us, we beseech thee, the liberty of that abundant life which thou hast manifested to us in thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **Transition Prayer for St. Antony's and the Diocese**

*Said by all*

**God of Love,**

**You are with us in every transition and change.**

**As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety,  
we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love.**

**We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us.**

**We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment.**

**We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work.**

**Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another.**

**We ask this in your Holy Name. Amen.**

## **The First Reading - Isaiah 58:1-12**

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,  
to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me  
and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness  
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments,  
they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see?  
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,  
and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today  
will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,  
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,  
a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them,  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you,  
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.

The LORD will guide you continually,  
and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water,  
whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.

## **Psalm 112:1-9**

### ***Beatus vir***

1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord \*  
and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; \*  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*  
their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, \*  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor.

**The Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 2:1-13**

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God’s wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the human heart conceived,  
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

## **The Gospel - Matthew 5:13-20**

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

## **Homily – The Rev. Craig Vocelka**

**The Nicene Creed (said together, standing as you are able.)**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven:**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
And his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

*Leader* I ask your prayers for those in the Armed Forces of our Country.

***People*** O Almighty God, shelter the men and women of our armed forces under your mighty wings; steel their courage in times of peril; give them integrity and honor in all they do; grant perseverance and resilience to their families; and heal the wounded warriors. We remember those who are deployed, especially *Ben Newcomb, Travis Sanger, Nicole Steller and Devon Williamson*, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Prayer for Ukraine and Russia**

Dear God, we ask that you be with the people of war-ravaged Ukraine. Give them physical and spiritual strength to withstand the horrors of war; console them in their misery, distress and losses; sustain them in their hope for peace. We ask that you also be with their brothers and sisters in neighboring Russia. Please open their eyes and hearts to the reality of the war and give to all people in both countries the desire to know the Truth that will set them free, and the courage and strength to pursue that Truth. We thank you for all the citizens of the world who value and pursue peace, and we ask that those who made the ultimate sacrifice in this war will not have died in vain. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

## **The Prayers of the People**

### **from "Intercessions for the Christian People"**

*Deacon or other leader*

Let us pray for all people, for all nations, and for the church, offering silent prayer as we are bidden.

I ask your prayers for God's church, for all who serve it, for this assembly and for all God's people everywhere. Pray for the church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the good earth, that all people may respect its resources, preserve its future, and enjoy its fruits in their season. Pray for the soil and the sea.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the leaders of the nations, that they may act deliberately and dispassionately, and for the good of all. Pray for those who govern.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace, that the peoples of the world may live in safety and without fear. Pray for peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the wealthy, the free, and the healthy, that they may use their possessions to aid those in need. Pray for compassion among people.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the sick, the sorrowing, and those who are alone. Prayer for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

I ask your prayers for the faithful departed, that God give them eternal rest. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Presider concludes*

God of all the living, hear the prayers of your faithful people, and grant our requests. Strengthen us for the tasks you give us, and bring us at last to praise you forever with your saints, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Confession and Absolution**

*Deacon* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence may be kept*

*Minister and People* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

*The Priest stands and says*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**The Peace** *The clergy and people greet one another in the name of the Lord, maintaining a respectful distance.*

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**Birthday Prayer – Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their life; though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Announcements**

### ***THE HOLY COMMUNION***

*The presider may begin the offertory with a sentence of scripture.*

*The offering plates are placed on the altar as a sign of our self-offering to God and our promise to give faithfully to the church.*

**The Offertory Sentence, said together**

**All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.**

### **Eucharistic Prayer I**

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*The people remain standing. The Presider faces them and says*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

***People* And with thy spirit.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

***People* We lift them unto the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

***People* It is meet and right so to do.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

***Sanctus (Spoken)***

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:**

**Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**

**Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel as able. Then the Presider continues*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, Oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye, all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we,

receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Presider*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Presider* Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*The Presider may say*

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*We invite all present to participate in this feast, regardless of where you are on your spiritual journey. Our table is open to all, as this is God's gift to all.*

*We are serving the cup individually. After receiving the bread, the body of Christ, if you like, please take a cup from the tray and then the Eucharistic Minister will serve you the wine, the blood of Christ. Please leave your cup at the baptismal font so we can properly dispose of them.*

*If needed, we do have gluten free communion wafers available. Just ask as you approach the priest.*

*If you do not wish to receive the Eucharist but would like a blessing, please approach the priest with your hands crossed over your chest.*

*We ask that you remember to use the hand sanitizer as you come to receive the Holy Eucharist.*

Those who are participating by livestream may say the following prayer.

**Prayer for Spiritual Communion** From A Prayer Book for the Armed Forces

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. And since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our heart. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

*Presider and People:* **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

**The Priest gives the blessing**

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

***Happy Birthday!***

5<sup>th</sup> Joan Willoughby

7<sup>th</sup> Bonnie Foley

Debbie Stockwell

Jean Mackimmie

***Happy Anniversary!***

5<sup>th</sup> Norman & Dee Perreira

The Altar Flowers are given today by Norman & Dee Perreira in celebration of their 29<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

\*Flowers are arranged by Carrie Rivers\*

The Sanctuary Lamp is given today by the Altar Guild.

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